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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Amendments to the drawings are described below and shown on the attached revised and replacement drawing sheets.

In drawing **FIG. 1**, in the block labeled 6, change "cash unit" to --cache unit--.

In drawing **FIG. 4**, in the block labeled S106, change "dissolved" to --resolved--.

In drawing **FIG. 5**, in the block labeled S106, change "dissolved" to --resolved--.

Attachments: Annotated Sheet Showing Changes
Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS

Applicant submits a Petition and Fee for a One-Month Extension of Time.

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-8 and 10-27 have been amended to improve consistency and form.

Applicant notes that the claim amendments are made only to clearly define the invention and are not made to distinguish the invention over the prior art or narrow the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indication that claim 17, and claims 4, 5, and 18, when the indefiniteness issues are resolved, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, Applicant believes that all claims are allowable over the prior art currently of record.

Claims 1-3, 6-16, and 19-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by El-Batal (U.S. App. Pub. No. 2004/0153914 A1). This rejection respectfully is traversed.

A verified translation of priority document filed in this application is attached. The perfecting of the priority claim establishes a filing date of September 3, 2002, prior to the January 17, 2003 filing date of the El-Batal reference. Consequently, El-Batal is not prior art to the present application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-27, all claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Claims 2-5, 7, 10, 12, 14-15, 18, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, based on indefiniteness. The claims have been amended to address these concerns, and are submitted as particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the invention.

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Claim 23¹ stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, fourth paragraph, as being an improper dependent claim. Claim 23 has been amended and rewritten in independent form as suggested in the Office action. Claim 23 is submitted to be directed to statutory subject matter.

Should the application be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Paragraph 9 on page 4 of the Office action indicates that claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, fourth paragraph. Applicant presumes for the purposes of this response that claim 23 stands rejected instead.



FIG.1

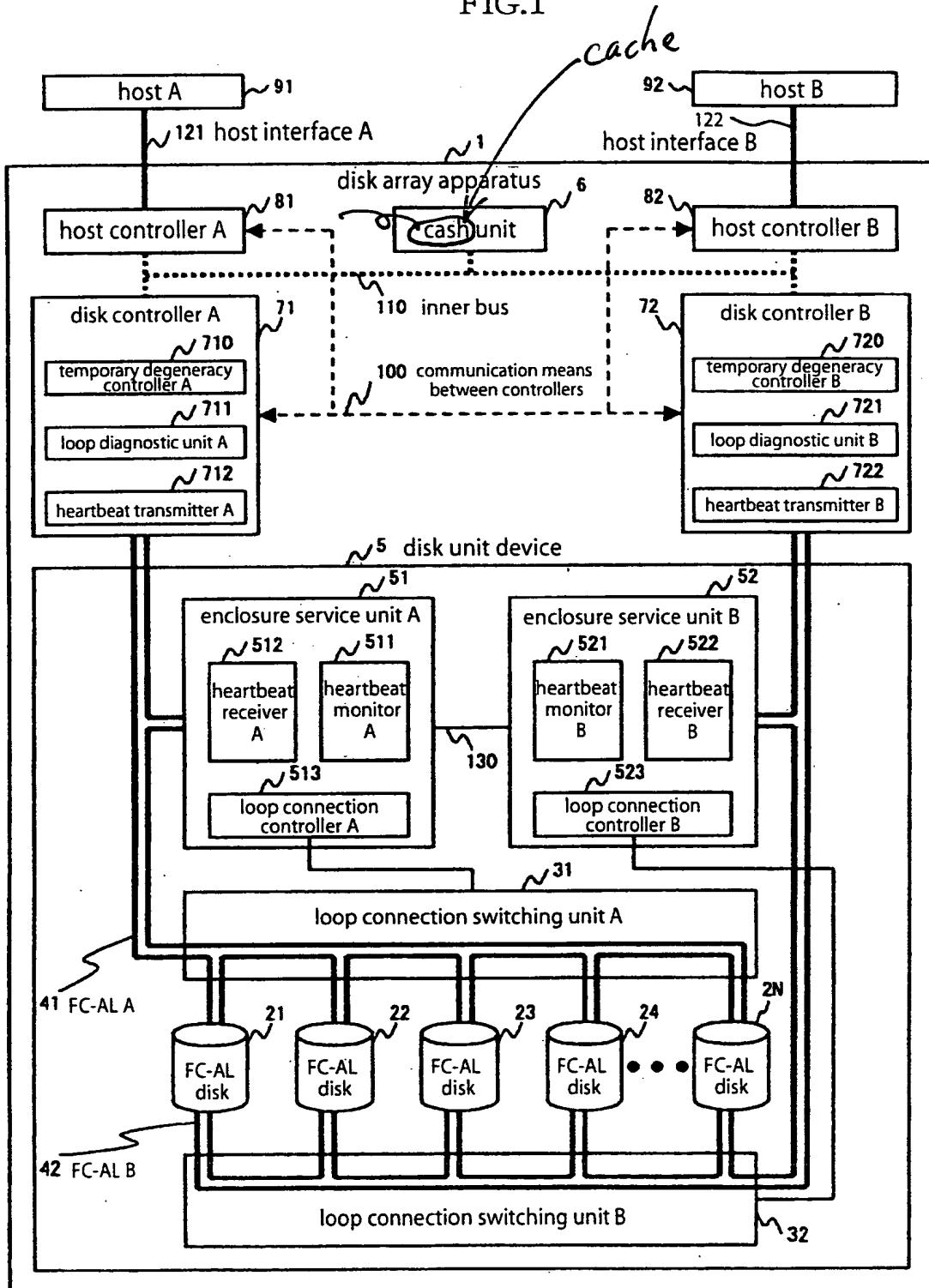




FIG.4

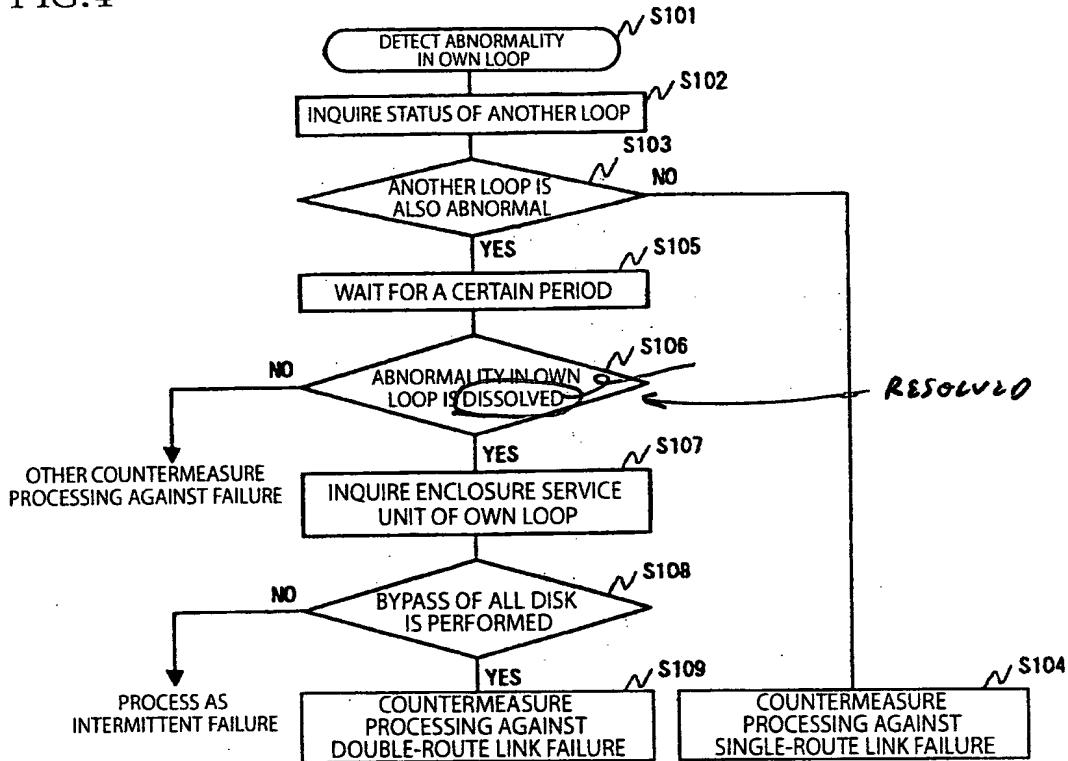


FIG.5

